Chinese Objection to the Visit of Indian Leaders to Arunachal Pradesh

1023. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government seriously objected to the repeated visits of Indian leaders to Arunachal Pradesh and have once again asserted that the set up of Arunachal Pradesh is on the Chinese Territory illegally occupied by India;

(b) if so, how do the Government react to the Chinese objections;

(c) whether there is any possibility of a fresh dialogue with the Government of China on the boundary issue; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Public pronouncements have been made in the Chinese press to this effect. Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of the Indian Union. Government's position is well known to the Chinese Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details have still to be worked out between the Governments.

Software Package Piracy

1024. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that software package piracy in the computer industry besides individual smuggling is going on in an increasing scale in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating its impact on the development of software in the country and the steps contemplated by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government is concerned over the issue of the piracy of the computer software.

The following measures have been taken to protect the software:

(1) Software is protected under Copyright Act 1957 as amended by Copyright (amendment), Act, 1984.

(2) Computer Software in any media (excluding Software in floppy diskette with average c.i.f. price of Rs. 50 or less per diskette) is permitted for import under Open General Licence for the following categories:

(i) Actual users including Government Departments and computer manufacturers;

(ii) Software Houses registered with the Department of Electronics for the purposes of stock and sale; and

(iii) Department of Electronics for stock and sale.

(3) "Software India" newsletter a publication of Department of Electronics is regularly giving the details of the registered software units authorised for Stock & Sale of software.

(4) Major Government users have been advised to advertise tenders separately for computer hardware and software packages.

(5) R&D project proposals in the area of computer software have been